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Security Council

11 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Afghanistan[1]

Other matters

[1] To be followed by a formal meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 62nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3 (Parts I and II)) . . . . . [12]

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly on the strengthening of the United Nations

Morning[1] . . . . . 5th meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, to consider a non-paper by the President of the General Assembly prepared on the basis of the informal consultations held on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change" (A/57/387 and A/57/387/Corr.1) [The non-paper was faxed to all missions on 21 November 2002 and copies are available in Room S-2925. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, will be present. Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 62nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

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Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 39th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Sectoral policy questions: Industrial development cooperation (A/57/591) . . . [85 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.8 and A/C.2/57/L.51

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy . . . . . [86 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14

Implementation of the first United Nations decade for the Eradication of Poverty. [89]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.23 and A/C.2/57/L.52

Training and research: United Nations University . . . . . [90 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.48

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations pension system (A/57/9, A/C.5/57/11 and A/57/490))

2.30 p.m. . . . . 28th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [112]

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/57/479 and A/57/7/Add.15)

Conclusion of general discussion

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (A/57/467 and A/57/7/Add.8)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [111]

Procurement reform

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.22

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [112]

Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.15

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.16

Inter-organizational security measures

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.17

Draft decision I (Conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2 of the programme budget)

Draft decision II (Cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post)

Draft decision III (Presentation of estimates of staff assessment)

Action on draft decisions I to III (A/C.5/57/L.19)

Development Account

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.20

Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.21

Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.23

Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.24

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.25

Results-based budgeting

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.26

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.27

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.28

4. Financing of the United Nations mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina . . . . . [147]

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.18

Afternoon[1]–4.30 p.m. . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme planning (A/57/6, Programmes 1 (and Corr.1), 2, 3, 5, 7-19 and 24-26, A/57/16, A/C.5/57/12, A/C.5/57/17, A/57/62, A/57/68, A/C.5/57/19 and A/C.5/57/20)); 117 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/57/11, A/57/60, A/57/65, and A/57/281-S/2002/895)); and 126 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Letter dated 17 October 2002 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/57/15))

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

Draft reports

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Room DC2-461

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Room DC2-461

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), on the 2003 Spring meeting between the Economic and Social Council, the Bretton Woods Institutions and the World Trade Organization (WTO) [A background paper is available in the Office of the Economic and Social Council Secretariat (room S-2950).]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Second Committee.

Commission on the Status of Women *(Consultative briefing of the Bureau)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 1

Consultative briefing of the Bureau in preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003) [The briefing will cover the holding of a high-level round table (Commission decision 46/101), and the agenda and proposed organization of work for the forty-seventh session of the Commission. Information notes on both items are available at the offices of the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1250). They can also be requested electronically from taylors@un.org.]

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia" (under agenda item 21 (b)) (organized by the delegation of Ethiopia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations of all interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 21 (a)) (organized by the delegation of India)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations with co-sponsors and other interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 21 (a)) (organized by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.31 (item 96) (Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.39 (item 12) (Public administration and development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.41 (item 87) (Activities undertaken in preparations for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.25 (item 88) (Pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations System)

10 a.m.–1.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.6 (item 84 (d)) (Enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.37 (item 84(a)) (International trade and development)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.28 (item 92) (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields)

1.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.26 (item 88) (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.40 (item 87) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.25 (item 88) (Pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations System)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.24 (item 89) (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 27 November 2002

Eastern European Group *(of Fifth Committee matters)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.12, A/C.2/57/L.6 and A/C.2/57/L.10)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(of Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.36)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Asian Group of the Whole

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda items 21 (d) and 37 (Afghanistan) (organized by the delegation of Germany)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . [Conference room to be confirmed]

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda items 21 (d) and 37 (Afghanistan), organized by the delegation of Germany [The text of the draft resolution is available at the following Internet address: www.germany-un.org/Afghanistan.html.]

Informal meeting on cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe (agenda item 22 d))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Western European and Other States Group

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 27 November 2002

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 28 November 2002

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday, 28 November 2002, official holiday.]

Friday, 29 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

3 p.m. 63rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [35]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/57/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/621)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37)

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

2.30–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia" (under agenda item 21 (b)) (organized by the delegation of Ethiopia)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia" (under agenda item 21 (b)), organized by the delegation of Ethiopia, on Friday, 29 November 2002, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Monday, 2 December 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee, before the meeting (room S-3420A).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Friday, 29 November 2002, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350 (tel. 1 (212) 963-5172).

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution A/RES/55/75, the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will be convened in Geneva on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 10 a.m. in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o (Kenya).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.38, A/C.2/57/L.43, A/C.2/57/L.49, A/C.2/57/L.41, A/C.2/57/L.47, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.5)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.38, A/C.2/57/L.43, A/C.2/57/L.49, A/C.2/57/L.41, A/C.2/57/L.47, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.5)* on Monday, 2 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(with the Coordinators of all Second Committee draft resolutions)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(with the Coordinators of all Second Committee draft resolutions)* on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

UNITAR Workshop on the effective management of meetings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the effective management of meetings. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is *today*, 27 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Nominations for the judges and Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

As the United Nations New York office will be closed on Saturday 30 November 2002, nominations for the judges and prosecutor of the International Criminal Court submitted on that date should be sent by fax (1 (212) 963-1963), before midnight (New York time).

Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women; (b) Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century". Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1244), no later than Monday, 2 December 2002, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General

It will be possible for States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that may wish to do so, to deposit charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m., in the West Foyer, adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State Party, addressed to the Secretary-General, should be submitted together with the charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points, indicating under which article of the Convention the deposit is being effected. It is recalled that charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight or archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of their maritime zones are deposited under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 1 November 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 25 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

Third Committee

59th meeting

Human rights questions . . . . . [109]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1

The Committee resumed action on the draft resolution

At the request of several delegations, a separate recorded vote was requested on each of the following paragraphs: the third preambular paragraph; operatives paragraphs 6, 11, 12, 18 and 22 of the revised draft resolution.

Action on the third preambular paragraph

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland and Suriname.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt and Pakistan.

The Committee retained the third preambular paragraph by a recorded vote of 86 to 24, with 35 abstentions.

Action on operative paragraph 6

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland, New Zealand and Canada.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Lebanon.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 6, by a recorded vote of 92 to 34, with 28 abstentions.

Action on operative paragraph 11

A statement was made by the representative of Finland.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Egypt.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 11, by a recorded vote of 91 to 28, with 33 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Action on operative paragraph 12

A statement was made by the representative of Finland.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Egypt, Pakistan, the Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 12, by a recorded vote of 89 to 33, with 31 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Action on operative paragraph 18

A statement was made by the representative of Finland.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Egypt, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Indonesia, Lebanon and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The Committee retained operative paragraph 18, by a recorded vote of 77 to 34, with 39 abstentions.

After the vote on operative paragraph 18, a statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Action on operative paragraph 22

A statement was made by the representative of Finland.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Egypt.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 22, by a recorded vote of 97 to 23, with 34 abstentions.

Joint action on the seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 3

The Chairman announced that the representative of the United States had requested a vote on the seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 3 jointly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland, Liechtenstein, Canada, Norway, Chile, France, New Zealand, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Venezuela and Denmark (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Egypt.

The Committee retained the seventh preambular and operative paragraph 3, by a recorded vote of 125 to 2, with 30 abstentions.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1 as a whole

In accordance with rule 89 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the representative of Egypt requested a recorded vote on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representative of Suriname, Chile and Denmark (on behalf of the European Union).

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Malaysia, Egypt, Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as a whole, by a recorded vote of 112 to none, with 48 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Mali, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan, Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Sudan.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Benin, Suriname and Finland.

The representative of Madagascar made a statement in connection with her votes on document A/C.3/57/L.87 and draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1.

Oral draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/57/134, A/57/277, A/57/311, A/57/371, A/57/385, A/57/394, A/57/182 and A/57/357, under sub-item 109 (b).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 109 (b) and of agenda item 109 as a whole.

60th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination. . . . . [107]

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.34

The Secretary read out a statement from the Director of the Programme Planning and Budgeting Division in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced revisions to the draft resolution, which were circulated in an informal paper.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, by a recorded vote of 153 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and South Africa. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Australia. After the vote, the representative of Senegal made a statement.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/57/443.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item and of agenda item 107, as a whole.

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/57/L.75

The Secretary of the Committee introduced and orally revised the document, which was then adopted.

Oral draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/57/3 (Parts I and II), in particular chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C, and I) and chapter IX, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia (on behalf of the group of African States), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab countries), San Marino (on behalf of the group of Western European and other States), Canada (on behalf of JUSCANZ), Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77), Argentina (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Benin, Indonesia (on behalf of the group of Asian States), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Suriname, Albania (on behalf of the group of Eastern European States).

The representatives of Japan and the United Kingdom also spoke.

The Chairman declared the work of the Third Committee completed for the main part of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of 58th meeting of the Third Committee held on Friday, 22 November 2002 (see *Journal* No. 2002/231, p. 17): the text under agenda item 109 (b) should be replaced by the following:

Human rights questions . . . . . [109]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on the draft resolution contained in document A/57/357

The Secretary read out a statement from the Programme Planning and Budget Division in connection with the draft resolution, which would be issued subsequently as document A/C.3/57/L.89.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador, the United States, Japan, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1 and amendments thereto contained in documents A/C.3/57/L.86 and A/C.3/57/L.87

The Secretary read out a statement from the Programme Planning and Budget Division in connection with the draft resolution.

It was announced that Burundi, Cameroon and the Dominican Republic had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Costa Rica joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

In accordance with rule 130 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee began by taking action on the amendments contained in documents A/C.3/57/L.86 and A/C.3/57/L.87.

Action on document A/C.3/57/L.86

It was announced that Algeria and Kuwait had joined in sponsoring the amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Pakistan, Norway, Saudi Arabia and Finland.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 of A/C.3/57/L.86

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Suriname.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 1, by a recorded vote of 35 to 79, with 38 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Nepal.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 2 of A/C.3/57/L.86

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia and the Sudan.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Lebanon, Iceland, New Zealand, Finland, Switzerland and Indonesia.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 2, by a recorded vote of 49 to 72, with 29 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and the Sudan.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement regarding her vote.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 3 of A/C.3/57/L.86

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the United States and Pakistan.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Finland.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 3, by a recorded vote of 64 to 67, with 22 abstentions.

Action on the amendments contained in document A/C.3/57/L.87

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 of A/C.3/57/L.87

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Pakistan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland, Canada, New Zealand and Iceland.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 1, by a recorded vote of 44 to 80, with 30 abstentions.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 2 of A/C.3/57/L.87

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Lebanon, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland and Norway.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 2, by a recorded vote of 55 to 69, with 32 abstentions.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 3 of A/C.3/57/L.87

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Pakistan and Malaysia.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Finland.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 3, by a recorded vote of 52 to 73, with 28 abstentions.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland and Cuba, as well as by the Chairman.

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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [98]: *outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up*

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/352)

(b) Draft resolution (A/57/L.8)

The President made a statement.

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/57/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey), Egypt, Viet Nam, the United States, Qatar, Honduras, the United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, Australia, the Republic of Korea, India, Kyrgyzstan, Canada, the Czech Republic, the Philippines and Pakistan.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [98]: *outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up: draft resolution (A/57/L.8)*

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/57/L.8 (resolution 57/106).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 98.

Economic and Social Council

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Twenty-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

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50th–51st meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights . . . . . [3]

The Committee discussed and adopted General Comment No. 15 on the right to water (article 11 of the International Covenant).

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Objection to the reservations made by Bahrain upon accession: Netherlands (22 November 2002)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Objection to the reservations made by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea upon signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (22 November 2002)[1]

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Territorial application: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in respect of: Isle of Man) (25 November 2002)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Latvia (25 November 2002)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Jordan (26 November 2002)

Treaty Event

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m. in the West Foyer adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Legal Counsel, in response to his letter of 28 August 2002, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200, tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax: 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail: untreaty.un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of such instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and statements to the Treaty Section at the latest by 4 December 2002 for verification.

The status of the Convention and the Agreement can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet (untreaty.un.org). Summaries of the Convention and Agreement can also be found on this Web site along with the full texts of the English and French versions thereof under the heading Focus 2002 - Sustainable Development (direct link - untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2002). The summaries also contain pertinent information relating to treaty actions. Further information concerning the requirements for the deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and the like (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the above Web site.

Other announcements

World Aids Day

World AIDS Day will be observed *today*, 26 November 2002. A town hall meeting on the theme "Live and Let Live" will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, President of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, and Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, will deliver opening statements. Ann Curry, The Today Show, NBC Television, will moderate the discussion. Actress Whoopi Goldberg will make a special appearance, along with Kami, from Takalani Sesame (South Africa's production of Sesame Street), a recently introduced HIV-positive Muppet. The observance is co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank. Delegations, non-governmental organizations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

In conjunction with the observance, "Pandemic: Imaging AIDS", an exhibit consisting of more than one hundred photographic works on the topic of AIDS by award-winning international photographers, will be on display in the General Assembly Visitors' Lobby through 10 January 2003.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a photographic exhibit entitled "Palestinian cities: Images of life from the turn of the 20th century". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November 2002, until early January 2003.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 2002, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Palestine: Story of a Land (Part 2)" and "After Jenin". Both films will be shown on Friday, 29 November 2002, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

International Day of Disabled Persons (December 3)

In conjunction with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an informal briefing, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The topic will be "Reinforcing the disability dimension in mainstream development: issues and findings from recent policy research and implications for the rights-based approaches to development." Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Lecture Series of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is hosting a lecture series at the United Nations for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. The series is focused on topics at the forefront of both the humanities and natural sciences. The third lecture in the series will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Nebojsa Nakicenovic, Project Leader at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and Professor at the Technical University of Vienna, and Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri, Director-General of Tata Energy Research Institute and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will make brief presentations on "The Interface Between Energy and Climate Change", followed by a question-and-answer session.

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in *Conference Room 2*. Presentations will be made by Mr. David Malone, President of the International Peace Academy; H.E. Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Mr. Kishore Hahbubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore on "The Issue of Terrorism and the United Nations Response".

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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A/57/494*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

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A/57/L.24/Add.1	*Item 22 (i)* – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System – 34-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
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A/57/L.41/Add.1	*Item 21 (b)* – Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions – 66-Power draft resolution – International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola [A C E F R S]
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